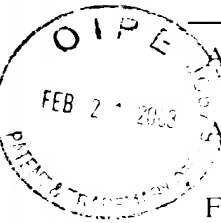


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED AUGUST 27, 2002

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

The Applicants acknowledge the receipt of the Office Action ("the Action") mailed on August 27, 2002 (Paper No. 9), which has been carefully reviewed and studied. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendments. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks. In order to facilitate the Examiner's evaluation of the application, Applicants have attempted to address the rejections in Paper No. 9 in the same order in which they were originally raised.

A Petition for an Extension of Time of three months to and including February 27, 2003, and authorization to deduct the fee as required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) from Applicants' representatives Deposit Account are included. The response is thus timely filed. Applicants believe no fees in addition to the fee for the extension of time are due in connection with this response. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additionally required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0892.

AMENDMENT

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 4 entirely without prejudice and without disclaimer as being drawn to a non-elected invention.



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